



**Tim Denning, Ph.D.** became GRA's fifth president and CEO in November 2023, after serving as vice president of research and economic development at Georgia State University. While at Georgia State University, he spearheaded several initiatives to promote interdisciplinary research, innovation, and scholarship and cultivated partners in academia, industry, and the scientific community. Tim received his Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Texas Medical Branch, and had a successful career as a scientist, beginning with working as a postdoc at California's acclaimed La Jolla Institute. In 2004, he was recruited to Emory University, working first as a postdoc in the Emory

Vaccine Center, led by GRA Eminent Scholar Rafi Ahmed. Tim's research focused primarily on the role of immune cells in the intestines in Inflammatory Bowel Disease, which encompasses ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. His work deepened the understanding of how cytokines control whether these immune cells promote or suppress the disease.

**Administrative Track Session 1, Thursday June 13th, Crescent Room**